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Title of Invention: SYNCHRONOUS RECTIFICATION MODE DC-TO-DC  
CONVERTER POWER SUPPLY DEVICE

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At Column 9, line 14, insert -- is -- between "element" and "longer", as indicated in claim 2, line 4, of the Amendment filed August 16, 2007.

At Column 10, line 3, insert -- is -- between "element" and "longer" as indicated in claim 4, line 4, of the Amendment filed August 16, 2007.

At Column 10, line 4, "elements" should read -- element --, as indicated in claim 4, line 5, of the Amendment filed August 16, 2007.

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drive pulse from the oscillation control meanscircuit;

a second switching element being driven by the output of the second drive meanscircuit;

a second rectifying meanscircuit having a positive electrode being ground and a negative electrode being connected to the output of the second switching element;

a third switching element being connected in parallel to the second rectifying meanscircuit and driven by the output of the first drive meanscircuit; and

a second coil being connected to the output of the second switching element; and

wherein the third switching element is turned on during an OFF period of the first switching element and turned off during an ON period of the first switching element.

2. (Currently Amended) The synchronous rectification mode DC-to-DC converter power supply device according to claim 1, wherein

an OFF period of the second switching element ~~includes an~~ is longer than the OFF period of the first switching element,

a timing when the first switching element is turned off is later than a timing when the second switching element is turned off, and

a timing when the second switching element is turned on is later than a timing when the first switching element is turned on.

3. (Currently Amended) The synchronous rectification mode DC-to-DC converter power supply device according to claim 1, further comprising a third switching power supply circuit means for carrying out synchronous rectification based on the drive pulse of the second switching power supply meanscircuit, wherein

the third switching power supply means-circuit comprises:

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a third drive means-circuit for outputting a drive waveform voltage based on the drive pulse from the oscillation control meanscircuit;

a fourth switching element driven by the output of the third drive meanscircuit;

a third rectifying means-circuit having a positive electrode being grounded and a negative electrode being connected to the output of the fourth switching element;

a fifth switching element being connected in parallel to the third rectifying means circuit and being driven by the output of the second drive meanscircuit; and

a third coil connected to an output of the fourth switching element

wherein the fifth switching element is turned on during an OFF period of the second switching element and turned off during an ON period of the second switching element.

4. (Currently Amended) The synchronous rectification mode DC-to-DC converter power supply device according to claim 3, wherein, ~~an OFF period of the second switching element includes an OFF period of the first switching element, and~~

an OFF period of the ~~third~~ fourth switching element includes ~~an~~ longer than the OFF period of the second switching element.

a timing when the second switching element is turned off is later than a timing when the fourth switching element is turned off, and

a timing when the fourth switching element is turned on is later than a timing when the second switching element is turned on.

5. (Currently Amended) The synchronous rectification mode DC-to-DC converter power supply device according to claim 1, further comprising a sixth switching element being connected in parallel to the first rectifying means-circuit and driven by the output of the oscillation control meanscircuit.

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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Column 9

Line 14, insert -- is -- between "element" and "longer".

Column 10

Line 3, insert -- is -- between "element" and "longer".

Line 4, "elements" should read -- element --.

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